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*Build Container, Weapons.*

In replying please address:

*Extension requested 1/23/57*

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January 16, 1957

Dear Sir:

Task Order No. D under our contract with your organization is currently scheduled to expire on February 28, 1957.

In the course of the research under this Task Order, it was concluded that hydroforming sheet metal probably represents the least expensive and generally best method of fabricating the closure components for the experimental rectangular-cross-sectioned container. A purchase order was subsequently placed with a commercial fabricator for the preparation of the experimental closure components in this manner. However, the commercial fabricator has failed to meet the estimated delivery date. Consequently, there will be a time delay involved in obtaining a complete experimental can, i.e., one embodying the proposed shell and closure designs, for evaluation purposes. In the interim, progress in this investigation will be retarded.

In view of the above, extension of the research period under Task Order No. D through April 30, 1957, is hereby requested. No other change would be made in the contract. Because of the reduced expenditures that have been possible up to this time, it is not currently contemplated that an additional appropriation will be necessary as a result of the proposed extension of the research period.

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The extension agreement would be consistent with our current contractual arrangements.

Should any additional information be needed, please let us know. You may direct your inquiries to

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Very truly yours,

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Director

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